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TO: TRIBAL ENHANCEMENT BIOLOGISTS / HATCHERY MANAGERS

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SUBJECT: ADULT HEALTH SAMPLING INFORMATION

It's here already! Spawning has begun at some hatcheries, school has started, and the weather is finally getting wetter and cooler. Here is the information that you've anxiously been waiting for.

1. 2004-2005 Adult Health Inspection Sampling Plan Summary

Please review the Plan for the level of testing that we have listed for your stocks this season. Please contact your pathologist with comments or questions.

The sampling plan specifies the sampling level intended for each stock during this spawning season. The sampling level is primarily determined by the Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State (Disease Policy), but may be influenced by other factors such as the pathogen history of the stock as well as any proposed transfers of eggs or fish.

2. Viral Sampling Instructions

Thank you once again to those of you that are taking virology samples when your pathologist is unavailable. We will continue to use the same standard sampling procedures used in the past. We have **laminated copies of the procedures** for those that are interested.

Contact: Jan Gleckler (360) 438-1181 x 340 (lab) or jgleckle@nwifc.org

3. Shipment of Samples

A couple of years ago we updated our "shipping/packing of samples" methods due to concerns that the samples were warming during shipment. We have included those new methods again this year as a reminder that **it is very important that samples are kept in the 4°C to 15°C range during shipping as well as during the spawning process.** If virus is present in the sample, it is difficult to detect if the sample temperature has risen above 15°C.

4. List of Shippers

We continue to use the same shipping companies as in the past.

In order to give a valid Inspection for the samples, we must receive the samples no later than 48 hours after they are taken. So please use the fastest carrier possible.

We have accounts with:

US Postal Service-- Express Mail Acct # X985206

Fed Ex Acct # 1565-4697-6

UPS Ground or Overnight Acct # 884-131

Greyhound - You may use the Greyhound bus and send it with the Receiver (NWIFC) paying the shipping upon receipt at pick up.

Please choose the service that is convenient and timely.

5. Adult Sampling Procedures video

The **Adult Sampling Procedures video** is available. It covers the standard techniques for taking ovarian fluid samples, kidney and spleen samples, gill and milt samples. It has a demonstration for making kidney smears for Fluorescent Antibody tests (FAT) BKD screening, and also shows the revised method for packing your samples for shipment to the fish health lab. If you are interested in having one of these videos, please call Jim Bertolini at (360) 438-1181 ext 355.